

# SoCAL TA-TA IV – 2016

REGGAE 'PON DA OCEAN

## RALLY NOTICE & SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2016

The SoCal Ta-Ta is a Baja Ha-Ha style cruiser rally from Santa Barbara to Catalina. The first three were big successes, so we're doing a fourth on September 11-17.

The rally will begin with a kick-off party at the Santa Barbara YC on Sunday, September 11, and will finish with a potluck BBQ at Two Harbors on the evening of Saturday, September 17. There will be intermediate stops at Santa Cruz Island (two nights), Channel Islands Harbor, and Paradise Cove. Details below. Reggae attire is encouraged at all times.

The Ta-Ta is open to skippers with boats that were designed for, built for, have been maintained for, and are equipped for open-ocean sailing. All entries must be capable of motoring at 5 knots. It is up to each skipper and crew member to determine that the boat they are sailing on and the skipper they are sailing with is suitable for the event. The Ta-Ta does not inspect boats or vet skippers. If anyone is unsure about the suitability of the vessel or the skipper for the event, it is their responsibility to obtain a trip survey.

The winds along the course are usually less than 25 knots, but all skippers, boats, and crew must be prepared and equipped for heavier weather. While there will be a roll call and weather reports each morning, the Ta-Ta is an event for experienced sailors. Whining is never permitted.

The \$270 SoCal Ta-Ta IV entry fee includes Ta-Ta swag, a rasta dictionary, meals for the skipper and first mate at the Santa Barbara YC Kick-Off Party, and meals for the skipper and first mate at the Channel Islands Harbor stop. Beverages are extra. Extra meals for crew can be purchased beforehand. (Details to come in your entry packet, which will be emailed to you.)

Berth reservations will be available for Santa Barbara **through the Ta-Ta** for the 9th, 10th and 11th. The cost is one dollar per foot per night, paid to the Ta-Ta in advance. (Details will be sent with your entry packet, which will be emailed to you.) Length means the most forward part of your boat to the most aft. Sorry, but slip reservation fees are **not** refundable. Presumably most, if not all, of the boats will be berthed in the same area. Some rafting may be required.

### EVENT DETAILS

**PRE TA-TA** — Ta-Ta skippers who don't reserve space at the Santa Barbara Yacht Harbor, **which can only be**

**done through the Ta-Ta**, can anchor out in the designated anchorages. It can be rolly. There is a dinghy dock in front of the harbormaster's office.

Santa Barbara is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and has many natural and historic attractions, so it's worth it to arrive early and explore. You can reserve **through the Ta-Ta**, 1 to 3 nights from the 9th to 11th. If you want a slip before the 9th, SBYH is on a 1st come/1st served basis. Please do not call for special privileges.

*(The following is a tentative schedule subject to change by the rally committee.)*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 4:30 p.m.** — Mandatory Skipper's Meeting — and Kick-Off Party — downstairs and on the beach at the Santa Barbara YC. The Skipper's Meeting, participant introductions, and swag distribution will start at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to wear your rasta gear, mon! The Kick-Off Party and dinner on the beach follows.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** — Santa Barbara to Smuggler's Cove, Santa Cruz Island. 26 miles.

**10:00-10:30 a.m.** — Check in on VHF Channel 69. The routine is that the event's Poobah on the mothership *Profligate* will read down the list of boats. If we miss you the first time through, we'll get you the next time through.

**11:00 a.m.** — Start between the 'SB' buoy, a half mile off Stearn's Wharf, and the catamaran *Profligate*, which will be on station about a quarter of a mile to the southwest of the SB Buoy. We'll have a countdown on VHF 69 starting at 10:50 am. Again, the Ta-Ta is a rally, not a race, so you can use your engine whenever you want. If there is no wind, we will employ a Baja Ha-Ha style 'rolling start', meaning you can motor along the rhumbline until the breeze fills in. But we encourage as much sailing as possible.

The course will take the fleet across a busy shipping lane. Exercise extreme caution, particularly if it's foggy. **A functioning radar or AIS is required on each boat.**

**UPON ARRIVAL AT SMUGGLER'S** — Find a nice place to drop the hook with plenty of room around you. It's a big anchorage that can hold a lot of boats on single hooks. If conditions aren't favorable, another anchorage may be used. Participants must be flexible.

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**5:00 p.m.** — Evening check-in on VHF 69.

**6:00 p.m.** — Cocktail hour for first group of skippers and first mates aboard *Profligate*. Details on this at the Skipper's Meeting.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** — Free Day at Smugler's Cove and environs. There is great hiking and exploring ashore, but getting ashore is dependent on the surf. Dinghy landings can be very dangerous. If in doubt, stay out. If you go through the surf, always have the outboard kill switch attached to your wrist so the engine will be killed immediately if you flip. Outboard props make ground meat out of human flesh. As with the first Ta-Ta, *Profligate* may take hikers around to a less dangerous landing.

Sorry, but for ecological reasons dogs are not permitted anywhere on Santa Cruz Island.

**5:00 p.m.** — Evening check-in on VHF 69.

**6:00 p.m.** — Cocktail hour for the second group of skippers and first mates aboard *Profligate*.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** — Santa Cruz Island to Channel Islands Harbor.

**9:00-9:30 a.m.** — Morning check-in on VHF 69 and starting line instructions.

**10:00 a.m.** — Start by passing within 100 yards of *Profligate*. Faster boats may start an hour later.

The course will take the fleet across a busy shipping lane. Exercise extreme caution, particularly if it's foggy.

Thanks to the generosity of Vintage Marina Partners-Channel Island Marina, free slips will be given to most of the boats, however all catamarans may not fit. Slips will be assigned by the Ta-Ta committee on the morning of Wednesday, September 14th. **Please do not call Vintage and Channel Islands Harbor about this before hand.**

## ARRIVAL AT CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR

**6:00 p.m.** — Dinner at Vintage Marina Partners-Channel Islands Marina. Free for skippers and first mates.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** — Channel Islands Harbor to Paradise Cove.

**10:00-10:30 a.m.** — Morning check-in on VHF 69.

**11:00 a.m.** — Start by passing within 100 yards of *Profligate* outside the harbor.

**ARRIVAL OFF PARADISE COVE** — The kelp can be very thick, so work around it. Shore landings are highly discouraged.

**5:00 p.m.** — Evening check-in on VHF 69.

**6:00 p.m.** — Cocktail hour aboard *Profligate* for the third group of skippers and first mates.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** — Paradise Cove to Two Harbors, Catalina.

**10:00 a.m.** — Morning check-in on 69.

**10:30 a.m.** — Start of leg to Catalina. Starting line to be determined based on weather forecast.

The course will take the fleet across a busy shipping lane. Exercise extreme caution, particularly if it's foggy.

**ARRIVAL AT TWO HARBORS** — You may get a mooring or anchor out. For moorings, call Harbor Patrol on VHF 9.

**FRIDAY EVENING** — Rest up and/or enjoy a free night ashore. There will probably be live music outside the Harbor Reef Bar.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17** — Shore Day, Two Harbors.

After a bunch of ocean miles, it's time to kick back and/or stretch your legs. There's lots to do at Two Harbors, from great hiking and diving, to resting up on the boat, to hanging out with new friends, to watching football at the patio bar. We'll also be collecting everyone's best Ta-Ta photos that morning for screening in the evening.

**6:00 p.m.** — Rasta Party Potluck. Bring your own main course and at least one side dish, as well as whatever beverages you wish to consume. Beer and wine are allowed. As with all potlucks, bring your own utensils, plates, napkins and such. Food should be ready by about 6:45 p.m.

**7:45 p.m.** — Rasta Party 'Awards', including a slide show of the event. It's the last event of the Ta-Ta, so you don't want to miss it.

## THE TA-TA ETHOS

Safety first. Safety second. Safety third. Behave responsibly. If you're looking for wild and crazy partying, knocking back a ton of booze with your music at full volume, the Ta-Ta is not for you.

## TA-TA CONTROL OVER THE WEATHER

Surprisingly, the Ta-Ta management has no control over the weather, so please, no whining. In fact, no whining about anything.